(c) and (d) Details of grants released to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released	Unspent balnance as reported by the State Govt.
1996-97	546.25	60.31
1997-98	3128.96	1766.52
1998-99	1604.96	724.35

(e) Under the scheme of Non-Formal Educaiton, funds are not allocated State-wise. Actual release depend on proposals received from the State/U.T. Govts.

Increasing the expenditure on education

3756. SHRI NERENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase the public expenditure on education to 6 per cent of G.D.P;

(b) if so, what is the time frame for achieving this objective; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to increase the tuition fee to a realistic level, instead of keeping it at Rs. 15/-, as in Delhi University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATlL): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 (as modified in 1992), had laid down that the investment on education be gradually increased to reach a level of 6 per cent of national income as early as possible.

(c) NPE also envisages raising fees at the higher levels of education to maintain the quality of education in the country. As fee is regulated by the provisions of the Ordinances of a University, Delhi University has to decide by keeping all factors inview on the increase in the tuition fee.

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

3757. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the scheme for "modernisation of Madarsa education";

(b) what is the present status of the scheme; and

(c) the layout for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE. DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) A statement giving salient features of the scheme for "Modernisation of Madarsa Education' and present status of scheme is enclosed as statements.

STATEMENT

Modernisation of Madarsa Education

Under the 15 point Programme of Empowered Committee on Minorities Education, the Scheme of Modernisation of Madarsas on Voluntary basis is being implemented since 1993-94. The objective of the scheme is to encourage traditional institutions like Madarsas and Maktabs by giving financial assistance to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculam. It is being implemented by State Governments as a Central Scheme under which 100% assistance is provided by the Centre.

Under the Scheme of Modernisation of Madarsa Education, financial assistance for following items is given:—

(i) One or two teachers' salary for teaching modern subjects in Madarsa @ Rs. 3,000/- p.m. for primary classes and Rs. 4,000/- p.m. for secondary classes.

(ii) An lumsum grant of Rs. 7,000/- for purchase of Science/Maths Kit to each Madarsa.

(iii) An amount of Rs. 7,000/- per Madarsa is granted for establishment of book banks and strengthening of libraries in the Madarsas for modern subjects.

(iv) Any other item with the approval of Grants in aid Committee.

The scheme is continuing during IXth Plan. An amount of Rs. 37.00 crores has been provided during the Ninth Five Year plan for this scheme.

The budget allocation for the current year *i.e.* 2000-2001 is Rs. 12.00 Crores.